

REMARKS

Upon entry of this preliminary amendment, claims 1-34 are pending in the application.

Applicants have made minor changes to claims 18 and 33, and minor changes to the specification. These changes do not introduce any new matter.

Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits for claims 1-34. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 749-6902. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP080).

Respectfully submitted,
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